turns for provision of telephone connections;

(b) if so, what is the procedure followed at present by the MTNL to inform the wait-listed applicants for new telephone connections when their turn matures and their deposits are adjusted against installation charges/rental etc.; and

(c) whether any steps are being taken to streamline the procedure in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) While no Demand Notes are issued to the applicants on maturity of their turn for provision of new telephone connections in Delhi, the applicants are intimated through letters about the release of their telephone connections. The deposit alongwith the interest thereon is adjusted in the first telephone bill after the telephone is installed.

(c) Does not arise in view of the reply above.

दूरसंचार तंत्र का विकेन्द्रीकरण

3366. **श्री राम जेठमलानी:**
सरदार जगजीत सिंह अरोड़ा:

क्या **संचार** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 5 अक्तूबर, 1991 के "हिन्दू" में "टेलीकॉम नेटवर्क टू बी डीसेन्ट्रलाइज्ड" शीर्षक के अन्तर्गत प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने दूरसंचार सेवाओं का विकेन्द्रीकरण करने का निर्णय लिया है और यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है तथा इस प्रस्ताव को कब तक लागू किए जाने की संभावना है?

संचार मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री पी. वी. रंगैया नायडू): (क) जी हां।

(ख) दूरसंचार विभाग के लिए अत्यंत उपयुक्त ढांचे की सिफारिश करने के लिए सरकार द्वारा गठित की गई उच्च स्तरीय समिति (आन्ध्रे समिति) की सिफारिशें अभी भी सरकार के विचाराधीन है और अभी तक कोई अन्तिम निर्णय नहीं लिया जा सका है।

Opening of New Branch Post Offices in Orissa

3367. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of new Branch Post Offices opened in Orissa, district-wise, during the year 1990-91;

(b) what is the total number of applicants who are yet to get telephone connections in that State, district-wise; and

(c) the target fixed for providing the telephone connections to the applicants registered under OYT and NON-OYT category?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The information is furnished in Statement-I (*See* below).

(b) The number of applicants for telephone connections district-wise as on 30-11-91 is given in Statement-II (*See* below).

(c) It is psoposed to provide about 9500 telephone connections in Orissa during 1991-92.

All present applicants registered under OYT are likely to be provided telephone connections during 1991-92. It is expected that the present waiting list will be cleared in the early part of the 8th Plan.

Statement-I

District-wise number of branch post offices opened in Orissa during 1990-91.

District	No. of Post Offices
1. Bolangir	8
2. Cuttack	10
3. Ganjam	3
4. Balasore	5
5. Dhenkanal	6
6. Kalahandi	15
7. Keonjhar	8
8. Mayurbhanj	2
9. Puri	6
10. Sundergarh	1
11. Koraput	16
12. Phulbani	1
13. Sambalpur	14

Statement-II

District-wise number of applicants for telephone connections as on 30-11-1991.

Sl. No.	Name and districts	Nos. of applicants in waiting list
1.	Balasore	319
2.	Bolangir	30
3.	Cuttack	2081
4.	Dhenkanal	316
5.	Ganjam	404
6.	Keonjhar	70
7.	Koraput	62
8.	Kalahandi	19
9.	Mayurbhanj	110
10.	Puri	2646
11.	Phulbani	140
12.	Sambalpur	430
13.	Sundergarh	316
	TOTAL	6943

Telephone connections recommended by Members of Parliament for Orissa

3368. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone connections provided as on date on out of turn basis on recommendations of Members of Parliament in Orissa, district-wise, after the special provision announced by Government; and

(b) the number of those still pending and since when?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

जिला टेलीफोन प्रबन्धक, रांची के विरुद्ध आरोप

3369. **श्री राम अवधेश सिंह:** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि रांची जिला टेलीफोन प्रबन्धक के वर्तमान पदाधिकारी के विरुद्ध केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो द्वारा जांच की जा रही है, यदि हां, तो उसके विरुद्ध क्या आरोप लगाये गये हैं ;

(ख) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि पदाधिकारी ने 1990-91 के दौरान बूथों के आबंटन में मनमाने ढंग से कार्य किया है और भारी धनराशि अर्जित की है ;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि इस व्यक्ति को पुरस्कृत भी किया गया था जब कि उसके विरुद्ध केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो की जांच चल रही थी ; और

(घ) सरकार इस मामले में क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार रखती है ?